

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 2

Introduced by: Senators Kloucek, Adelstein, Ahlers, Bartling, Bradford, Fryslic, Gant, Gray, Hanson (Gary), Heidepriem, Howie, Hunhoff (Jean), Knudson, Maher, Merchant, Miles, Nelson, Novstrup (Al), Peterson, Tieszen, and Turbak Berry and Representatives Putnam, Blake, Boomgarden, Brunner, Cronin, Frerichs, Hunhoff (Bernie), Jensen, Juhnke, Kopp, Lange, Lederman, Lucas, Moser, Rave, Romkema, Rounds, Sly, Sorenson, Steele, Van Gerpen, and Verchio

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the memory and the life of Fred Koupal.

WHEREAS, Fred was a loving husband, father, and grandfather to his wife Thelma; children Sandy (Mike) Slama, Tabor; son Keith (Tammy) Koupal, Kearney, Nebraska; and six grandchildren, Ashley, Mallory, Laura, Joey, Dante, and Medora; and

WHEREAS, Fred Koupal was an expert welder and machinist. He owned and operated the Ole Bull Shed Welding Shop & Feed Store from 1983 to 2004 in Tyndall. Fred also loved his extensive collection of Model A cars; and

WHEREAS, Fred had great pride in his Czech heritage and significantly contributed to regional Czech culture. He was an active member of the Czech Heritage Preservation Society in Tabor. Fred led the music for seventeen years at the Tabor Czech Days in Pierre Celebration during each legislative session and was an active promoter of Tabor Czech Days; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Koupal was a prolific musician and entertainer, bandleader for "Freddie's Combo," member of the Tyndall Accordion Club, and a proud "senior" member of the Bon Homme High School Bohemian Band:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Fred Koupal be remembered for his unselfish contributions to the State of South Dakota and for the positive example his life set for all of us.

